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TO CONTROL EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

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1. SUMMARY: PRESS COMMENT ABOUT "SUPPLIERS' CLUB GUIDELINES" CONTINUES IN GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF FIVE SUCH REPORTS IN "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU", "DIE WELT," "SUEDDENTSCHE ZEITUNG" AND "HANDELSBLATT" FROM JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 2. ENDSUMMARY.

2. DIE WELT AND HANDELSBLATT REPORT THAT COMMON RULES FOR EXPORTS SET BY SO-CALLED "SUPPLIERS' CLUB" EXTEND NPT CONCEPTS TO INCLUDE CONTROLS ON "KNOW-HOW" AND TECHNOLOGY. SUPPLIERS AGREED ON A LIST OF FACILITIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EXPORT OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

RECIPIENT STATES MUST ALSO GIVE FORMAL ASSURANCES THAT EXPORTS RECEIVED WILL NOT BE USED FOR BOMBS OR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES. RE-EXPORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES WOULD REQUIRE SAME CONDITIONS. RE-EXPORT OF SO-CALLED "SENSITIVE" FACILITIES -- URANIUM ENRICHMENT, FUEL ELEMENT FABRICATION AND RE-PROCESSING -- WOULD REQUIRE THE PERMISSION OF THE SUPPLIER STATE. ONE NEWSPAPER COMMENTS THAT THE GUIDELINES PRACTICALLY EXCLUDE RE-EXPORT INTO THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. RUNDSCHAU NOTES THAT GUIDELINES WENT INTO EFFECT JANUARY 27, WHEN AMBASSADORS FROM PARTICIPANT NATIONS EXCHANGED NOTES AT FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IN WHICH EACH OF THE PARTNERS INFORMED THE OTHERS OF ITS UNILATERAL OBLIGATION TO HONOR THE PROCEDURES.

4. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, THE EC COMMISSION WAS INFORMED OF THESE GUIDELINES. BONN DID NOT CONFIRM BRUSSELS' REPORT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD OBJECTIONS (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL).

5. OTHER STATES ARE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS COOPERATION. DIE WELT LISTS: NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, ITALY, SWEDEN, GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

6. THE GUIDELINES ARE SECRET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS -- NOT INCLUDING THE FRG. THE INITIATIVE FOR THE MEETINGS CAME FROM THE US AND THE FRG. FIVE CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN LONDON FROM MAY - NOVEMBER 1975. THE GERMAN CABINET APPROVED THE GUIDELINES BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

7. THESE GUIDELINES ESTABLISH "COMPETITIVE EQUALITY" AMONG THE SEVEN SUPPLIERS. GUIDELINES ARE NOT AN AGREEMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MAY BE RETRACTED AT ANY TIME. THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT INFLUENCE THE GERMAN - BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR SALE WHICH IS IN ACCORD WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING. IN FACT THE "BILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS" WITH BRAZIL, WHICH INVOLVES THE SUPPLY OF PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE FUEL CYCLE, HAS BEEN INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONALLY CONFIRMED. COMPARABLE SALES NOW HAVE THE "GREEN LIGHT," ACCORDING TO HANDELSBLATT.

8. ON JANUARY 28, RUNDSCHAU SPECULATED THAT THE FIRST CONSEQUENCE OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE REVISION OF THE FRENCH - KOREAN REPROCESSING PLANT SALE. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, JANUARY 31, SOUTH KOREA RENOUNCED THIS PURCHASE, "OBVIOUSLY" UNDER AMERICAN PRESSURE.

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